SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2   the historic French Lick Resort in Southern Indiana for hosting the 76th
3   Senior PGA Championship.

4   *Whereas, French Lick Resort, named America's Best*
5   *Historic Resort by Historic Hotels of America in 2013, and*
6   *featuring two historic grand hotels nestled in the Hoosier*
7   *National Forest in Orange County, Indiana, has been a*
8   *popular destination for leisure and business travelers alike*
9   *and one of the nation's sporting epicenters since 1845;*

10   *Whereas, Golf has been played at French Lick Resort for*
11   *nearly as long, with golfers challenging the historic Donald*
12   *Ross Course since 1917, including the 1924 PGA*
13   *Championship, which marked the first of four consecutive*
14   *PGA Championship titles by the legendary Walter Hagen;*

15   *Whereas, World-renowned golf course architect and*
16   *native Hoosier, Pete Dye, then carved his namesake 18*
17   *Championship holes along the ridgelines just west of the*
18   *West Baden Springs Hotel, creating one of the country's most*
19   *challenging but rewarding golf courses;*

20   *Whereas, Views from the course stretch over wooded*
21   *Hoosier hardwoods for up to 40 miles and provide a*
22   *dramatic backdrop for soaring bald eagles, drifting hawks,*
23   *and firmly struck tee shots throughout the golf season;*

1   *Whereas, The scenic beauty of French Lick Springs Hotel*
2   *and West Baden Springs Hotel, coupled with their world-*
3   *class championship golf courses, have played roles in the*
4   *history of golf, much like the Professional Golfers'*
5   *Association of America's significant role in the history and*
6   *development of the sport;*

7   *Whereas, Continuing this tradition, from May 19 to May*
8   *24, 2015, French Lick Resort will host the 76th Senior PGA*
9   *Championship presented by KitchenAid;*

10 *Whereas, The intertwining of the tournament with the*
11 *Pete Dye course will benefit tens of thousands of golf fans*
12 *and households throughout Indiana, particularly Southern*
13 *Indiana; and*

14 *Whereas, Spectators from around the country will have*
15 *a chance to "Walk with History" as some of the greatest*
16 *golfers in the history of the game compete for the most*
17 *prestigious title in senior golf, the Alfred S. Bourne Trophy,*
18 *an award that has been claimed by legends such as Jack*
19 *Nicklaus, Hale Irwin, and Lee Trevino: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
21 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and
23 honors French Lick Resort for its continuing contributions to the
24 economic well-being of the entire region and to the development of the
25 game of golf in the state of Indiana and throughout the nation,
26 particularly through hosting the 76th Senior PGA Championship.
27 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
28 transmit copies of this Resolution to the following individuals from
29 Cook Medical Group: Gayle and Carl Cook, Steve Ferguson, Kem
30 Hawkins, Pete Yonkman, Dan Peterson, Rob Santa, and Chuck Franz;
31 the following individuals from French Lick Resort: Chris Leininger,
32 Joseph Vezzoso, Dave Harner, Brian Marsh, Jan Tellstrom, Deven
33 Trueblood, Brendan Sweeny, Russ Apple, Adina Cloud, Dean
34 Blackburn, and Steve MacKinnon; the following individuals from PGA
35 of America: Derek Sprague, President of PGA of America; Paul Levy,

1   Vice President; Suzy Whaley, Secretary; Pete Bevacqua, CEO; and
2   Bryan Karns, Championship Director; and the following individuals
3   from Whirlpool Corporation: Jeff Fettig, Chairman and CEO; Jeff
4   Noel, Vice President of Communication and Public Affairs; and Deb
5   O'Connor, Director of Corporate Reputation and Community
6   Relations.